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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Ken IZUMORI et al.**Serial Number: **Not yet assigned****(§371 of international application No. PCT/JP2004/000131)**Filed: **July 11, 2005**For: **GENE SEQUENCE OF L-RHAMNOSE ISOMERASE HAVING NEW
CATALYTIC FUNCTION AND USE THEREOF**Attorney Docket Number: **052800**Customer Number: **38834****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.